ments of the jute industry establishment of Special Jute Development Fund for restructuring the jute economy, enactment of mandatory use of jute packing for foodgrains, sugar, cement and urea, grant of financial support for R&D Activities and product diversification programmes, regular purchase of B. Twill bags on cot plus basis, encouragement of diversification by providing facilities of excise exemption. Concessional import duty marketing support etc.

Classification of Cities in Uttar Pradesh

7105. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of cities declared as metropolitan and 'A' grade cities in Uttar Pradesh so far;

(b) the status of headquarters of eight hill districts of Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and

(c) the obstacles in declaring Dehradun as 'A' Grade city and when a decision to that effect is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE):(a) Different types of classification of cities exist for grant of different allowances to Central Govt. Employees. For the purpose of grant of HRA/CCA, cities are classified on the basis of population as reflected in decennial census as follows:-

Classification	*Population of city*
'A' Class	over 16 lakhs
'B'-1' Class	Over 8 lakhs but not exceeding 16 lakhs.
'B-2' Class	Over 4 lakh but not exceeding 8 lakhs.
'C' Class	Over 50 thousand but not exceeding 4 lakhs.

The current classification is based on 1981 Census. In Uttar Pradesh, only Kanpur (Urban Agglomeration) has been classified as 'A' class city for purpose of grant of Compensatory (City) Allowance to the Central Government employees.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

(c) Since population of Dehradun is below 16 lakhs, it does not qualify for classification as 'A' class city for the purpose of grant of HRA/CCA.

Customs Clearance Permits for Import of Cars/Vehicles

7106. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether customs clearance permits for import of cars and vehicles have been dispensed with;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the terms and conditions for importing new cars?